



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)
Tucson, AZ 85723

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In Reply Refer To: 678/9-90C

To: ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Site Visit/Pre-Bid Conference, Invitation For Bid # VA258-12-B-0228,
Construct Ajo Handrail Fence and Tucson State Home Fence, at SAVAHCS,
Tucson, Arizona

1. A Site Visit/Pre-Bid Conference was conducted on March 22, 2012, at 9:00 AM (Local Time). Those in attendance are identified on the attached Attendance Record.
2. The following was covered during the Pre-Bid Conference portion:
 - a. Mr. A.J. Davis, Contract Specialist/Contracting Officer, opened the meeting by introducing himself and discussed the following:
 - Agenda: Will go over some general topics as it relates to SAVAHCS, highlight some of the Solicitation requirements, Mr. Campbell will provide a brief overview of the projects, and then we will proceed to the project sites.
 - Mr. Davis introduced the following SAVAHCS personnel:
 - Mr. George S. Campbell, SAVAHCS General Engineer/Construction Representative
 - b. Mr. Davis covered the following general topics:
 - Respectfully request no video or audio taping of this Site Visit/Pre-Bid Conference. Still photography can be taken, just be careful that no patient and/or staff members are in your view.
 - Badge Requirements: Since the performance period is only sixty (60) calendar days, you may only be required to have temporary badges. Mr. Campbell will confirm at time of award.
 - Absolutely no alcohol or drug use while at SAVAHCS.
 - Parking will be only in the designated areas.
 - If you receive a traffic citation while on SAVAHCS, it's the real thing. Possible points against your driving record.
 - Please watch your language while working on SAVAHCS. A third party maybe offended on what you say.

- The Prime Contractor will be working on a daily basis with Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell will be your daily focal point.
 - Coordination of any utility shutdowns will be made with Mr. Campbell.
 - Normal work hours will be Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Any hours out-side of those will have to be approved by Mr. Campbell.
- c. Mr. Davis, continued with the Pre-Bid Conference portion by highlighting the following Solicitation requirements:
- Due date for bids is currently August 13, 2012, 2:00 PM (Local Time), unless changed by an Amendment to the Solicitation. Sealed bids are to be mailed or hand delivered to SAVAHCS Contracting Office, building 45. A formal Bid Opening will be held at SAVAHCS, Bldg 45, Conference Room. Bids are to include; SF 1442 (Solicitation, Offer and Award), Bid Schedule, and Attachment A (Instructions for Calculation of Self-Performed Work). ADDED NOTE: It is also highly recommended to submit your Safety or Environmental Violations and Experience Modification Rate (see page 7 of the Solicitation, Special Note 2) documentation with your sealed bid.
 - This is an Invitation For Bid, not a Request For Proposal. Do not qualify your bid (by taking exception to Solicitation requirements or imposing your own), otherwise you will be determined Non-Responsive. Ensure your bid is delivered to the address specified in the Solicitation on time.
 - Currently there are no Amendments issued. When Amendments are issued, ensure you acknowledge them by either completing block 19 of the SF 1442 or completing blocks 15a, b, & c of the SF 30 (Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract).
 - Project is Subject to Availability of Funds.
 - Performance Period is 60 Calendar Days total for Bid Item 1 and 2. ADDED NOTE: If there is a concern the performance period is to short, submit a Request For Information (RFI) (email to aaron.davis@va.gov) explaining why it is believed to be to short with supportive information.
 - Bid Acceptance Period is 90 Calendar Days.
 - There are two (2) Bid Items for this project. Bid Item #1 is for Construct Ajo Handrail Fence and #2 is Construct Tucson State Home Fence. Bidder shall bid a price on each line item listed to be considered responsive.
 - Project Magnitude is between \$25,000 and \$100,000.
 - NAICS code is 238990, with a Small Business size standard of \$14,000,000 (this is based on the last three (3) year average).
 - The NAICS code of 238990 is specialty trade construction. Therefore, the performance of work by the acceptable SDVOSB bidder must perform at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees or the employees of other SDVOSB concerns (see page 24 of the Solicitation, para 4.7 (c)(4)).
 - Project is set-aside for SDVOSB. Must be registered in CCR, VetBiz, and ORCA.

-- Emphasis was placed on the importance of getting registered in VetBiz.gov and then **receiving verification** from the Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE).

- Special attention was directed to the Limitations on Subcontracting – Monitoring and Compliance clause (see page 6 of the Solicitation, Special Note 1). This provision allows, if necessary, the use of a third party to assist in assessing the contractor's compliance with the limitations on subcontracting or percentage of work performance requirements specified in the provision.
- Questions are to be in writing. Anything stated during this Site Visit/Pre-Bid Conference is for informational purposes only and is not intended to supplement or change the Solicitation. This is most important at the Site Visit portion, where it is difficult to document any questions and responses. Bidders are encouraged to submit their question in form of an RFI (email to aaron.davis@va.gov). Bidders are to bid as stated in the Solicitation, unless an Amendment is issued to make changes.

d. Mr. Davis completed his portion by opening the meeting to any questions on the Solicitation portion. The following questions were asked:

(1) **Question:** What is the Cut-off Date for Questions on this Solicitation?

Response: Mr. Davis stated ten (10) calendar days prior to Bid Opening (see block 10, 3rd paragraph, of the SF 1442).

(2) **Question:** What wage rate should be used for the handrail? The "Construction Type: Building" wage rate listed in the Solicitation doesn't appear to be adequate.

Response: Mr. Davis stated he will review the Solicitation wage rate and if necessary incorporate a different Construction Type by Amendment.

(3) **Question:** Who will be providing blue staking of the project sites?

Response: Mr. Campbell stated SAVAHCS will have the blue staking done.

(4) **Question:** Is there any known Linier Footage (LF) for Bid Item #1, Construct Ajo Handrail Fence?

Response: Mr. Campbell stated we can measure the LF during the Site Visit portion of today's meeting.

e. There being no further questions concerning the Solicitation portion, Mr. Campbell provided a brief overview of what the project entails for Bid Item #1, Construct Ajo Handrail Fence.

- Advised all prospective bidders there are three (3) areas of work for this Bid Item.
- Went over the Statement of Work and stated the fence is what the VA considers as a 5' high "neighborhood" fence.
- There are two (2) types of fencing, we will be matching the existing.

- There is approximately 630 LF of 16 gauge fence.
- The following questions were asked:

(1) **Question:** Can you clarify the type of material used for this fence?

Response: Mr. Campbell will clarify the type of material.

(2) **Question:** What color is the fence to be?

Response: Mr. Campbell stated the VA will provide the color information during the performance of the contract.

f. Mr. Campbell provided a brief overview of what the project entails for Bid Item #2, Construct Tucson State Home Fence.

- Advised all prospective bidders there are two (2) areas of work for this Bid Item. East and West sides of the Tucson State Home.
- Went over the Statement of Work.
- The following questions were asked:

(1) **Question:** Is there tension wire at the bottom of the chain link and if so, what type?

Response: Mr. Campbell will clarify.

3. There being no further questions, the Pre-Bid Conference portion was adjourned and all interested parties proceeded to the Site Visits:

a. Mr. Campbell guided all interested parties to the project site location for Bid Item #1, Construct Ajo Handrail Fence. Mr. Campbell pointed out the three (3) areas of work for this Bid Item as follows:

1. North side of Army Way.

- Mr. Campbell pointed out the existing handrail fence configuration. **(See attached Photo 01, Bid Item 1, Example of Existing Handrail Fence)**
- The handrail fence will start West of the pedestrian cross walk. At the beginning of the fence run, the first approximate 18" will begin at an approximate 45 degree angle to Army Way. **(See attached Photo 02, Bid Item 1, Photo of where the approx 18 inch 45 degree fence piece will start)**
- The handrail fence will then continue West bound along the North side of Army Way until it reaches close to the East side of the parking lot entry, approximately 156 LF. **(See attached Photo 03, Bid Item 1, N side of Army Way, looking from E to W, towards the parking lot entry)** On the other side (West) of the parking lot entry, the handrail fence will then continue West bound along Army Way for approximately 91 LF. **(See attached Photo 04, Bid Item 1, Continuation of N side of Army Way, looking from E to W, leading away from the parking lot entry).** At the end of the approximate 91 LF run, there will be another piece of fence approximate 18" at an approximate 45 degree angle to

Army Way. (See attached Photo 05, Bid Item 1, Photo of where the approx 18 inch 45 degree fence piece will end)

- Total LF for North side of Army Way is approximately 283.

2. North/South along an existing covered parking on the West side of a new sidewalk.

- Mr. Campbell stated this handrail fence configuration will be the same as the North side of Army Way fence portion. (See attached Photo 01, Bid Item 1, Example of Existing Handrail Fence)
- Mr. Campbell stated the new side walk, referred to in the Statement of Work, will be installed by an existing Contract with SAVAHCS in the very near future.
- The South end of this fence run will tie into the newly installed North side of Army Way fence and proceed diagonally (from the South West corner of the parking lot entry) until it can run vertically along the West side of the soon to be new sidewalk. (See attached Photo 06, Bid Item 1, South looking North - existing covered parking) and (See attached Photo 07, Bid Item 1, North looking South - existing covered parking)
- Total LF for North/South along an existing covered parking on the West side of a new sidewalk is approximately 270.

3. South side of Army Way on the South side of the existing sidewalk.

- Mr. Campbell stated this horizontal handrail fence configuration will be the same as the existing. (See attached Photo 08, Bid Item 1, Example of Horizontal Existing Handrail Fence)
- The horizontal handrail fence will start at the South West corner of the two (2) adjoining sidewalks.
- The horizontal handrail fence will run West bound, approximately 126 LF (plus or minus 5'), along the South side of the existing sidewalk of Army Way until it reaches close to the East side of the existing temporary gravel driveway opening. Note: Eventually the existing temporary gravel driveway will be permanently paved by an existing Contract with SAVAHCS. (See attached Photo 09, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail from 2 adjoining sidewalks to temp driveway)
- See attached Photo 10, Bid Item 1, Existing Temporary Gravel Driveway Opening
- The horizontal handrail fence will continue to run West bound, after the existing temporary gravel driveway, for approximately 182 LF where it will end with a piece of horizontal handrail fence approximate 18" at an approximate 45 degree angle to Army Way. (See attached Photo 11, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail from temp driveway West bound to the end)
- See Photo 12, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail End Cap Example.
This should be how the horizontal handrail ends look, to match existing.

- **See Photo Photo 13, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail Joints Example and Photo 14, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail Joints Example - close-up.** If it is necessary to create a joint in the horizontal handrail, this should be how it looks, to match existing.
 - Total LF for South side of Army Way on the South side of the existing sidewalk is approximately 326'(plus or minus 5') .
- b. Mr. Campbell guided all interested parties to the project site location for Bid Item #2, Construct Tucson State Home Fence. Mr. Campbell stated there are two (2) parts of this fence project. One (1) length is on the East side of the Tucson State Home and the other on the West side.
1. East side of Tucson State Home Fence.
 - Mr. Campbell stated the fence fabric will be placed on the West side of the posts.
 - From the North starting point of the chain link fence, to approximately 107 LF South of the run, a terminal post will be installed to allow the fence line to adjust to run parallel with the existing parking lot. (**See attached Photo 15, Bid Item 2, East side of Tucson State Home Fence, North looking South**)
 - The chain link fence will then continue South bound until it reaches SAVAHCS's perimeter fence located along Ajo Way.
 - Total LF for East side of Tucson State Home Fence is approximately 364.
 2. West side of Tucson State Home Fence.
 - Mr. Campbell stated the fence fabric will be placed on the East side of the posts.
 - From the North starting point of the chain link fence, to approximately 42 LF South of the run, a terminal post will be installed to allow the fence line to adjust to run parallel with the existing temporary construction fence line. (**See attached Photo 16, Bid Item 2, West side of Tucson State Home Fence, North looking South**)
 - The chain link fence will then continue South bound until it reaches approximately 198 LF, which will be the center point of the required 8' opening with double gates. After the 8' opening, the fence will continue South until it reaches SAVAHCS's perimeter fence, located along Ajo Way. (**See attached Photo 17, Bid Item 2, West side of Tucson State Home Fence, South looking North**)
 - Total LF for West of Tucson State Home Fence (including the width of the 8' gate opening) is approximately 275.
4. There being no further discussion, the Site Visit/Pre-Bid Conference was adjourned at 10:15 AM.
5. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please drop me a line at (520) 629-4611.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Davis".

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2 Attachments

1. Attendance Record, 2 pages
2. Project Site Photos, 17 each

Site Visit/Pre-Bid Conference		Date: March 22, 2012	Time: 9:00 AM
IFB No: VA258-12-B-0228		Project: Construct Ajo Handrail Fence & Tucson State Home Fence at SAHAHCS, Tucson, Arizona	
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Photo 01, Bid Item 1, Example of Existing Handrail Fence

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Photo 02, Bid Item 1, Photo of where the approx 18" 45 degree fence piece will start.



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Photo 03, Bid Item 1, North side of Army Way, looking from East to West, towards the parking lot entry.



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Photo 04, Bid Item 1, Continuation of North side of Army Way, looking from East to West, leading away from he parking lot entry.



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Photo 05, Bid Item 1, Photo of where the approx 18" 45 degree fence piece will end.





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Photo 06, Bid Item 1, South looking North - existing covered parking



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Photo 07, Bid Item 1, North looking South - existing covered parking



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Photo 08, Bid Item 1, Example of Horizontal Existing Handrail Fence

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Photo 09, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail from 2 adjoining sidewalks to temp driveway.



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Photo 10, Bid Item 1, Existing Temporary Gravel Driveway Opening



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Photo 11, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail from
temp driveway West bound to the end



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Photo 12, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail
End Cap Example



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Photo 13, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail Joints Example



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Photo 14, Bid Item 1, Horizontal Handrail Joints Example - close-up



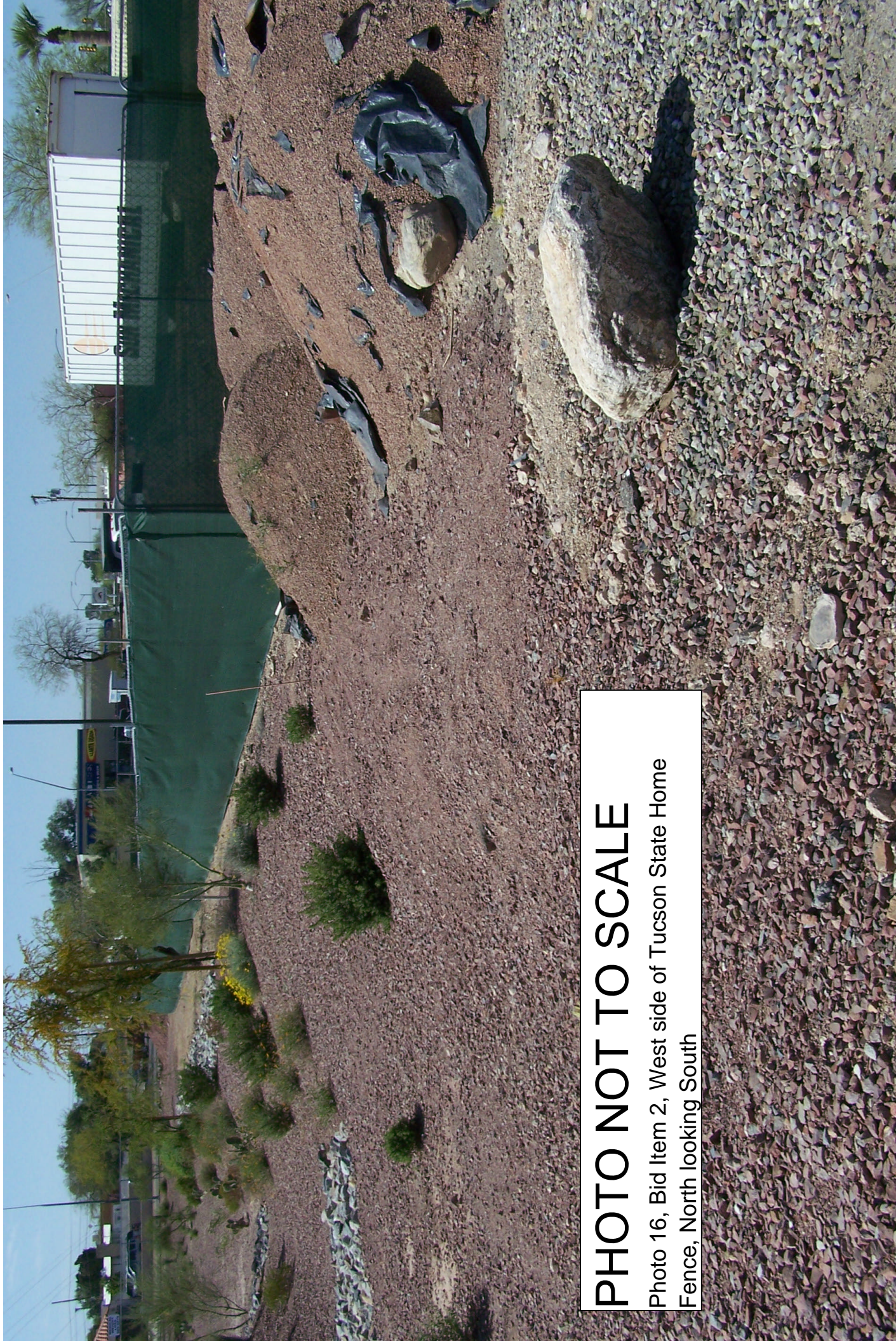
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Photo 15, Bid Item 2, East side of Tucson
State Home Fence, North looking South



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Photo 16, Bid Item 2, West side of Tucson State Home
Fence, North looking South



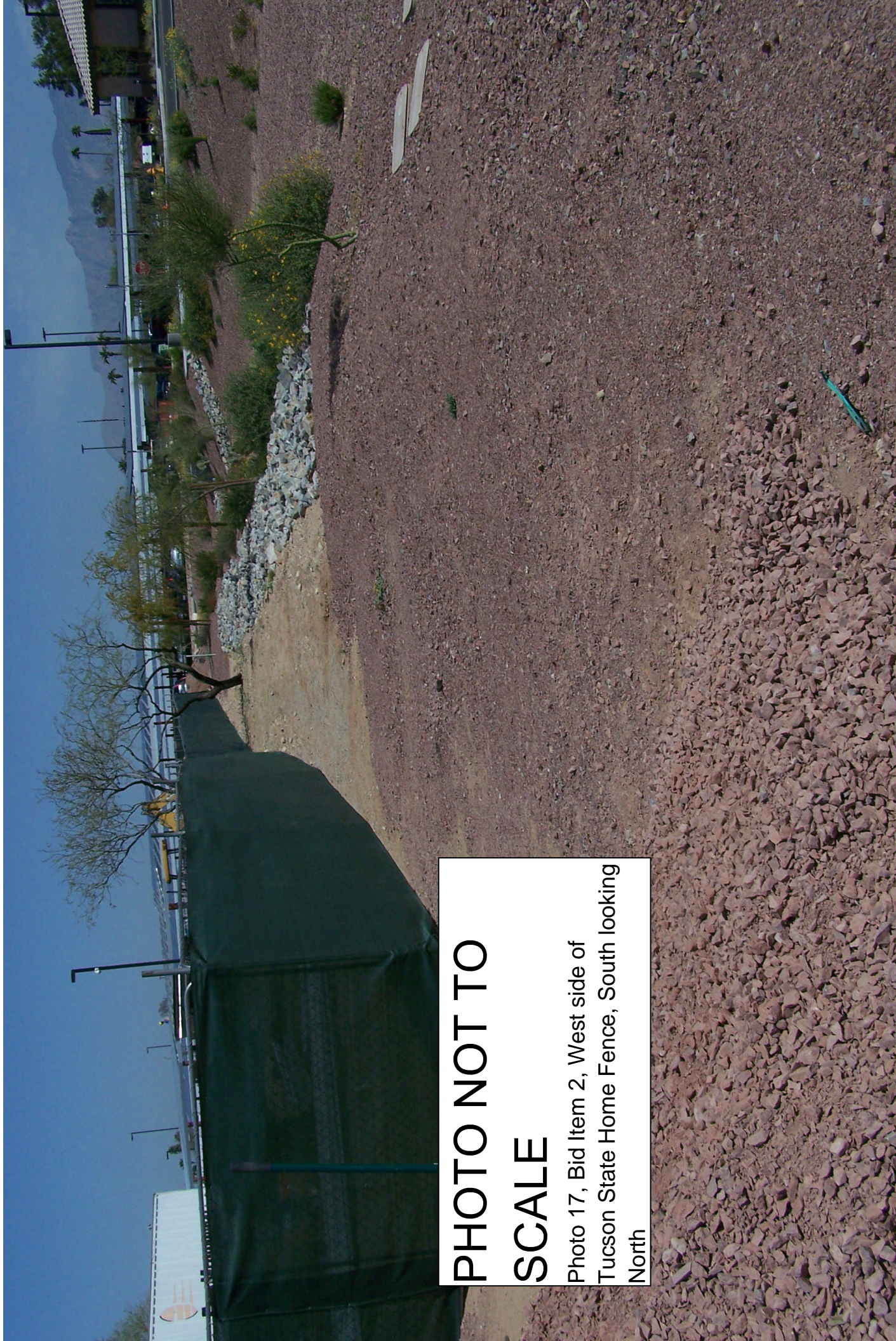


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Photo 17, Bid Item 2, West side of
Tucson State Home Fence, South looking
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